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COMMITTEE ON DOCUMENTATION

Minutes of One-Hundred-First Meeting, 3 April 1968

Members or Representatives Present

Chairman
DIA
CIA
NSA
State
Army
Navy
Air Force
FBI
AEC
Secretary

Others Present

DIA

CIA

DDR&E
NSA
NSF
CSS

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    1. **Approval of Minutes.** Minutes of Meeting 100 (CODIB-M-100, 21 March 1968) were approved subject to changes proposed by ⬚ 25X as in Attachment 1 hereto.

    2. Report of CODIB Panel on Files for Use in COINS (CODIB-D-113/4.9 8 March 1968). (Discussion continued from previous meeting).

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25X1   a. [   ] Chairman of the COINS Evaluation Panel, was asked at the previous meeting to report on whether the files recommended by the Panel on Files for Use in COINS would permit satisfactory evaluation of the Experiment. [   ] submitted a written reply which had been approved by the Evaluation Panel (See Attachment 2) together with two short papers for background (See

25X1 Attachments 3 & 4) [Note: [   ] informed the Secretary that subsequent to this meeting Attachments 3 & 4 were also approved by the Evaluation Panel]. Representatives present were asked by the Chairman if they had any comments on the statement of the Evaluation Panel.

25X1   b. [   ] said DIA feels that the evaluation would not be very realistic unless it includes all of the files in the COINS system and that he interprets the statement by the Evaluation Panel as being in agreement.

       c. Gen. Taylor said he did not interpret the statement in quite the same manner. Evaluation of hardware and software sub-systems, i.e., technical evaluation, would have to consider all of the activity in the system. However, an analyst/user evaluation could be restricted to a smaller set of files which would be the controlled portion of the Experiment. This should be confined to the files recommended by CODIB. He understands that the Evaluation Panel feels that we should be a little flexible on the exact files to be included in the controlled portion of the experiment until we get closer to starting time. He agreed with that concept. If there are

25X1 other files that [   ] and the Evaluation Panel thinks should be in the controlled experiment, there must be enough flexibility to make the change. He felt that the Panel on COINS Files had produced what was wanted, i.e., a recommended set of ten files. These may change and the selection criteria may change, but he did not want to run an experiment on what appears to be a broad proliferation of files, the value of which is questionable.

25X1   d. [   ] wondered whether it might not be necessary to remove some files from the system in order to conduct properly a controlled experiment. Gen. Taylor indicated that this would be required only if the switch becomes seriously overloaded. In such a case the files removed would not be those which are in the controlled experiment.

25X1   e. [   ] said he had no quarrel with the statement of the Evaluation Panel. He felt that it would be premature to decide firmly now exactly which files will be in the formal test.

       f. Other representatives present had no comment on the Evaluation Panel's statement.

25X1   g.   [   ] asked whether the evaluation procedures developed for the COINS Experiment could be used to evaluate other files which may be in the COINS system but not a part of the Experiment, i.e., files used primarily or entirely by the sponsoring agency. He felt that the usefulness of such files should be evaluated and perhaps by the same procedure and system used to evaluate the official COINS files. The Chairman felt this was a good suggestion and 25X1 requested [   ] to look into this question and also include NPIC files even though NPIC is not ready to go on-line yet because of security problems.

h. The Chairman asked [   ] whether he wished to amplify the statement included in the minutes of the previous meeting relative to the capability of the switch, [   ] deferred to 25X1 [   ] who said that the switch (IBM 7740) can keep track of such things as: who queries which file; the time, time out, and length of time elapsed before a response leaves the switch; distribution of queries over time (by person; by agency; by file, etc.); and periodic summaries as desired or necessary. He indicated that right now DIA programmers were engaged in re-programming the switch for new equipment and this is the best time to determine what the switch should record in the logs, what questions will be asked and what kind of answers are wanted. It was noted that [   ] is on the Evaluation Panel.

25X1   i. [   ] stated that it would be very useful to the Evaluation Panel if they knew what kinds of decisions would be made based on the results of the evaluation and approximately when the decisions would be made.

j. The Chairman indicated that we should have a better feel 25X1 for the answers to [   ] questions in a month or so. He thanked [   ] for her contribution and that of the Panel and directed that their written statements be attached to these minutes. (See Attachments 2,3, & 4).

25X1   k. [   ] inquired whether NSA would put its own Military Air Transport File in COINS in place of the DIA file. Mr. 25X1 [   ] reported that NSA is developing a new improved file which it would like to put in the COINS Experiment as a replacement for the DIA file and will try to have it ready about October 1968. He felt that the DIA file has more detail than is necessary for current use.

l. The Chairman felt that it would be appropriate to replace a file with a better one but that, if possible, the present DIA file should be kept in COINS until an improved file is available.

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25X1 [_____] said that all material in the DIA file comes from NSA and
that DIA could not maintain it unless NSA continues to provide the
25X1 input data. [_____] said that NSA prefers to expend its effort on
building the new improved file rather than on upkeep of the present
file. He indicated that with CODIB encouragement the new file should
be ready by this October.

    m. The Chairman encouraged NSA to proceed as rapidly as
possible on the new file so that it could be included in the experiment
ASAP. He further indicated that unless some agency has definite
requirements for the present DIA file, it could not be included in the
controlled Experiment after NSA inputs cease.

    n. During the discussion it was concluded that the test,
analysis and evaluation phase of the Experiment would commence on
1 July 1969 and continue for one year.

    3. Draft Report - Information Science Training for Intelligence
Personnel (CODIB-D-113/5.8, Draft dated 28 March 1968).

25X1   a. [_____] reviewed the few changes in subject report
that had been requested by members or had been found necessary by the
Support Staff. These were all approved except for one change regarding
a CIA figure. (This was resolved with [_____] subsequent to the 25X1
meeting and the revised report has now been published by USIB as
USIB-D-39.7/28, 4 April 1968.

25X1   b. [_____] inquired regarding the delay in the start
of courses at the DIS Information Science Center. [_____] pointed 25X1
out that the delay was due to slippage in acquiring personnel. He
said that 22 slots have been approved in the FY69 budget but there has
been difficulty in translating these slots into specific grades. Only
the Deputy Director of the Information Science Center and a secretary
have been hired so far. He indicated that there was no difficulty with
respect to acquisition of space or equipment.

25X1   c. [_____] inquired whether it was the intention to
prepare a training report on a regular periodic cycle. He felt that
better response by the agencies could be given if they had more time
in which to prepare.

    d. The Chairman responded that he would like to see such
a report issued at least annually. It was then agreed that future
reports should cover fiscal years which would also include academic
years. It was also agreed that the next issue should cover the
period 1 July 1967 to 1 July 1968. The Chairman then asked [_____] 25
to review this study, the problems encountered in its preparation, the

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methodology employed, talk with appropriate people in the various agencies to find out what additional factors should be incorporated, etc., and get a package together that would serve as the basis for collecting the information for the next report.

25X1   e. [   ] said that the FBI would like to participate in the next report because they are now training programmers and computer operators.

25X1   f. [   ] felt that one element not included in the present report was an indication or measure of the quality of training obtained. He also felt that CODIB should continue to exert pressure to get the proper training in quality as well as quantity and to get the proper grade structure for trained people in the information science field.

   g. The Chairman indicated that he would like the next issue of the report to include, if possible, some evaluation of training in terms of what it has done for the agencies.

25X1   h. [   ] drew attention to the long time-lag (about two years) between new developments in the information science field and their incorporation into university training courses. The Chairman indicated that if he gets an opportunity, he will point this out to

25X1 [   ] of the PFIAB Communications Panel in the hope that he might be able to influence some of the directors of the universities which offer courses in information science.

25X1   i. [   ] pointed out that there was some disparity between figures presented for DIA and the military departments, i.e., some include all intelligence personnel worldwide and others include only those at the headquarters level. The Chairman asked [   ] to investigate the question of how deep to go within the services so that the next report can contain comparable figures for all of them, if possible.

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25X1   j. [   ] pointed out that the figures given for State include more than just INR but that there was not sufficient time to survey the entire Department. He referred to the difficulty of isolating intelligence functions from other foreign affairs functions at State. The Chairman agreed that it would not be practical to isolate the portions of State that have purely intelligence functions and for that reason all of State should probably be included. Dr.

25X1 [   ] indicated that for the next report he would attempt to survey all of State.

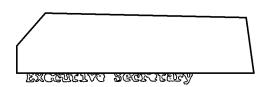   4. Other Business.

    a. COINS Semi-Annual Report. The Chairman stated that he

wanted a fairly complete report on COINS by about 15 April so that he could review it and decide whether to include it in the answer to NSAM-368 on 1 May 1968. He requested everyone involved in the preparation of inputs to the COINS report to cooperate fully in order to meet this schedule.

b. DCID 1/4. The Chairman announced that on the USIB Agenda for 4 April was a discussion of the new DCID 1/4 establishing the Intelligence Information Handling Committee and a statement of objectives for the committee. [Note: Both of these were approved by USIB and were then issued as attachments to USIB-D-71.2/1, 4 April 1968. When the new DCID 1/4 is printed, a copy will be distributed to each member and alternate on the new committee].

c. Response to NSAM-368. The Chairman announced that also on the USIB Agenda for 4 April was a Draft Response to NSAM-368. He then explained in general the structure and content of the draft reply. [Note: on 4 April USIB concurred in general principle with the Draft Response as circulated by USIB-D-39.1/8, noting that the DCI intended to make some changes in form and language prior to sending it to the President].

d. COINS Management. In response to a query from [   ] 25
the Chairman indicated that the COINS management structure was still under discussion and that a new paper might be ready for USIB by 11 April. [Note: on 11 April the DCI with the concurrence of USIB signed a state-ment on the general arrangements under which the COINS experiment will be conducted. This was then issued as an attachment to USIB-D-39.1/9, 11 April 1968].

5. Secretary's Note. As noted in para 4 b. above, the new DCID 1/4, terminating CODIB and establishing the Intelligence Information Handling Committee (IHC), was approved on 4 April. Therefore, this is the last paper to be issued under a CODIB designation. Recipients of CODIB issuances who do not wish to receive issuances of the IHC should notify the Support Staff (Code 143-5618) without delay.

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Executive Secretary

Attachments
1 - 4, as stated